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SUBJECT: DERECKTOR SHIPYARD, DRAFT SITE ASSESSMENT

SCREENING EVALUATION REPORT (SASE)

Dear Mr. Angell,

This is in response to your letter of 31 July 1997 in which you refer to the wording of a specific Navy response to a RIDEM comment on the draft SASE report for the Derecktor Shipyard. I agree that the wording was incorrect and inappropriate. Also, having been on the receiving end of similar comments that begin by saying, "The Navy is reminded that...", I share your feelings that it does not help to solidify a good working relationship between agencies.

I have asked our team members to ensure that they and their consultants respond to comments in an appropriate manner and free from statements that could be considered emotional in nature. I hope this will serve to do our part in keeping our responses on a professional level in the future.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

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Dir., Envir. Restor. Div.

By direction of the Commanding Officer

Copy to: Terrence Gray, RIDEM OWM Mary Sanderson, EPA Region I